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JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Jesus came to the world to be the world's light and salvation. He cured men's eyes so that they could see. There were many instances. People came to believe on him because they saw that He did heal the sick and opened the eyes of the blind. It was a marvelous thing to behold a man who was born blind transformed and made to see as other men. Jesus was his light. People called it a miracle and so it was, but His miracles have not ceased even to this day.

Men are blind spiritually. Multitudes are groping about trying to find their way out of their moral and religious blindness. One of the pitiful things of the world is to behold men and races who are spiritually blind. Many of them are unconscious of their blindness. They have been in that way all of their lives and like the blind man of the Bible have little or no conception of what real vision is. Many of them do not want to know what it is. It might disturb them and change their lives. Jesus cures physical blindness and He also cures spiritual blindness. The latter is the greater need and the results are just as marvelous. How many men blinded by sin and habits of unrighteousness have come to Jesus Christ for help and He has restored their vision, opened their eyes, made them over until they seem, like the man born blind, to be new creatures.

Jesus is the solution of the world's problems. We may not all at once see through the problems. We may see imperfectly as did the man who saw men as trees walking, but we shall not see with clear vision until we have been to Jesus. All of us believe that, but we do not act upon our belief. We try to ignore the fact that Jesus is the World's light, and we forget that they who follow after Christ "walk not in darkness (blindness) but have the light of life." "If we walk in the light as He is in the light we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

If the leaders of the world today would all come together and agree to do as Jesus would do and walk in His light, His truth, the world war would stop at once. Men are selfish and wicked and cruel and blind, and cannot see afar off. All such are running for a fall, and to destruction. "Let the wicked man forsake his way and the unrighteous man his evil thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord who will have mercy upon him and to our God who will abundantly pardon." "Ask that you may receive, seek that you may find, knock that it may be opened unto you for every one that asketh receiveth." Oh! that men everywhere would stop long enough to think and pray, and consent to "walk in His light."

THE WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY

The world as we know it today is far from being safe for democracy. Germany a nation of tremendous power and efficiency and possessed of a steadfast purpose to dominate the world in the interest of the Kaiser is the great foe of democracy. She is crushing out the life of all the smaller nations that are falling within her grasp and is bent on destroying the power of the larger ones.

Recently Russia surrendered to her unconditionally. One of the terms of peace was withdrawal of troops from enemy territory. Russia agreed to do this but Germany refused. Russia then made the humiliating surrender. The Kaiser in the shout of jubilee that went up in Berlin declared that God had won for them another victory, and that Germany was ready for peace from her other enemies, but peace only as a result of victory of her arms. Germany must rule the world.

"There are races which are incapable of attaining a high humanity, incapable of influencing the world. Such nations are destined to hew wood and draw water for the dominant nations. If they cannot fill this inferior office they must perish." That means that all small nations like the Philippines must serve the stronger nations or perish. Such a doctrine if carried out to its logical conclusion would stifle liberty in all lands.

Autocracy and monarchy are the eternal enemies of democracy. If they triumph democracy and liberty will become things of the past. The world will never become safe for democracy until it has become unsafe for monarchy. This war will determine which is to become the dominant factor in world affairs. If monarchy wins, fold your banners of liberty and admit that democracy and freedom and free choice are safe only in the hands of the ruling classes.

If democracy wins then freedom and liberty must prevail ultimately not alone in political affairs but in religious and other organized realms.

The Filipinos are lovers of liberty, freedom and independence. Hence they are entering whole souled into this war for the freedom of humanity. Many will suffer and die, but all such will become the glory of the race. Nothing worth striving for comes easy. All progress is by sacrifice. It is better that some should die than that all should perish.

Germany has gone mad, and like most insane patients she must be over-powered to be cured of her madness. The task is not an easy one. The whole world is practically joined against her and ultimately this criminally insane nation of people will be subdued. Every man and woman must hold himself or herself in readiness to meet the call.

DEMOCRACY SAFE FOR THE WORLD

The thoughts of men today dwell upon the necessity of making the world safe for democracy. That is well. But we should also stop to think of the kind of democracy we are to have. There are many brands. The kind of democracy will depend upon the kind of ideals we cherish and the kind of ideals will depend upon the kind of hearts we have and the moral life we live.

Russia has democracy, but it is of the atheistic kind that has overthrown belief in God and religion and all the moral values. The French Revolution is being repeated in Russia. Democracy without acknowledgment of responsibility to a higher Authority is not the kind that will make a safe world.

Democracy is founded on Brotherhood. The most blatant infidel is loud in his endorsement of brotherhood of a certain type. But yeu cannot have the proper recognition of Brotherhood without the recognition of Fatherhood. Christianity alone teaches the Fatherhood of God. If we are to have real Brotherhood around the world we must have a real recognition of Fatherhood. That cannot be done without a re-kindling of the real Christianity that Christ taught. We need heart religion. We need the life of the Spirit. Christianity at heart is Love, for God is Love. Man cannot love God whom he has not seen unless he loves his brother also. The man who believes that his brother man is from the Father cannot help having a higher regard for him. And the higher regard he may have for his fellow man the deeper becomes his love for his heavenly Father and the nearer He becomes. John the Apostle said: "Dear friends let us love one another; for love had its origin in God, and every one who loves has become a child of God and is beginning to know God; because God is love."

"God's love for us is manifested in that he has sent His only Son into the world so that we may have life through Him. This is love indeed—we did not love God, but He loved us and sent His Son to be an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, if God so loved us we also ought to love one another.... If we love one another, God continues in union with us, and His love in all its perfection is in our hearts."

Therefore if we are to have democracy that will be safe for the world we must live in touch with God our Father that we may have a real love for our fellow man. Man belongs to two worlds, and he cannot make a real success of this one by ignoring the world to which he is going.

"He who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in his own heart: he who does not believe God has made Him is a liar, in that he has refused to accept the testimony which God has given about His Son. And that testimony it to the effect that God has given us Eternal Life, and that this Life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the Life: he who has not the Son has not the Life."

BISHOP WILLIAM BURT, D.D., LL.D.

Within a few day a distinguished minister will visit the Philippines, Bishop William Burt of Buffalo, New York. For twenty five years he lived in Rome, Italy, as the representative of the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church of that great city. He established two great schools there, one for men and one for women. Both are flourishing, having as students the children of many of the leading families of Italy. The children of the famous General Garibaldi were all educated in these schools.

So pronounced were the services Bishop Burt rendered to Italy through his schools, publications and propagation of the Gospel, a book comparatively unknown among the masses until he went there, that the King of Italy in 1903 decorated Bishop Burt with the "Order of San Maurizio and San Lazaro." This is a combination of two orders which originated at the time of the Crusaders, both given to knights who distinguished themselves as "defenders of the faith." One originally belonged to the Popes, and the other to the House of Savoy. Later they were combined in one order.

Bishop Burt is making an extended trip through the Orient officially visiting the Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church in China, India, Burma, Singapore and the Philippines. He will convene the Conference at Central Methodist Church, Manila March 14. Rev. Paul Burt, his son, will accompany him to this city. On the night of March 14th, Bishop Burt will give his great lecture on the "Making of Modern of Italy."

SHALL WE HAVE A SABBATH?

This question has been discussed recently, generally, by the students of the University of the Philippines. The students have been quite divided on the issue. Some have held for the elimination of the Sabbath, or reverence for the Lord's Day, though they would like to retain it as a holiday. Others have held that at least two hour of the early morning of the day called Sunday should be regarded as a holy day.

Christians will not agree to the position of the first named group. All religions have a Sabbath. The Jews had their sabbath day. The Mohammedans have their sabbath day. There is no use arguing the question. As long as there are Christians there will be some regard for the Lord's Day. So the real issue at the present time is as to whether there shall be a reverence for the early hours of the day, or until the end of the Mass, or shall there be a reverence for the whole day. The command is to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." How much of the day? Do two or three hours constitute a day? If only the two or three hours of the early morning of Sunday constitute the Lord's Day to whom do the other 21 hours of the day belong? Are they not the Lord's also? They certainly cannot be classed as belonging to Saturday or to Monday. Ordinarily a day with us is 24 hours. Rizal day, Fourth of July, Christmas day are 24 hours long, and our Sundays are 24 hours long.

Sabbath means "rest." It is a day of meditation and worship. It should not be made a day of hardship and privation and long-face-edness. It should be a day of joy and gladness, born of contemplation of the blessings and hopes and privileges which are bound up in the significance of the Lord's Day. It commemorates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. What would Christianity be without that blessed fact? Our hopes for today and tomorrow are based upon the fact of the Resurrection. The privileges we have of access to the Father through Christ would be idle dreams except for the fact of the Resurrection.

Then too Sunday commemorates the gift of the Holy Spirit to the world. Fifty days after the Resurrection came the day of Pentecostes, on which day the Holy Spirit was given.

Are not these two events enough to make the Lord's Day sacred forever? We need Christ, a Risen Christ, and we need the Holy Spirit who takes the things of Christ and reveals them to the soul. The Holy Spirit is He through Whom we are to receive power to be real witnesses for Christ. Reader think on the meaning of these things to a Christian and then ask yourself if it is right to do on this Holy Day what may be done on other days. There may be no law against any kind of recreation or performance on the day called Sunday, but good breeding to say nothing of reverence for Christ and respect for the religion we should profess should lead us to avoid doing those things that are not in harmony with the real purpose of the day.

Other men may go about their business on the day of your Mother's funeral, but you cannot. You love her; they do not. Other men who do not love Christ may not try to keep in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, but if we really love Him there are certain things we shall not want to do any more than we want to do things others do on the day of our mother's funeral. There are plenty of things one may do to fill up the time beside's performing one's religious duties, but there are some things that rob a man of all thought of Christ and His Mission to the world. Surely

they may be put aside in memory of Christ. What those things are most of us can find out by simply asking our Lord, "Master would you do this thing?" If He says "no" how can we be loyal to Him and do it? It is joy to do His will and be found faithful to Him.

GOLD DUST

"When the outer eye grows dim,
Turn the inner eye to Him,
Who makes darkness light,
Fairer visions you may see,
Live in nobler company,
And in larger liberty,
Than the men of sight."

The Cross seen through the tears of penitent faith is the soul's only ground of peace and trust and hope. It is God's way to save and sanctify.—Selected.

I hope you know what it is to be sensible of the presence of God. Religion seems to me to consist in that.—Erskine of Linlathen.

The War has brought men face to face with death—and God.—Lounder.

DOING THE WILL OF GOD

BY ERNEST A. RAYNER, PH, D.

Certain subtle forces of this world of ours are exceedingly difficult of defini-The will of personality is one of these forces. This force, in comparison with others which we term natural forces, such as electricity, can only be known in terms of what it does. Yet the two are very different after all, for the will knows itself-it is not only aware of what it does but it also knows that it is doing. The will consciously brings things to pass. All changes in the world outside of nature are the outcome of its fiat. Indeed, this factor in its operations in the world, resembles the Old Testament account when God said, "Let there be," and there was. It is the will, making things real.

But the will does not work at random. Even the will of God has its habitual ways of acting. When we discover them we call them laws. Thus our habits represent this consistency of our wills. We are known by this consistency which is called character.

I am known by my acquaintances because I have certain definite ways of reacting to circumstances and conditions upon which they can depend. If report should come to them of some line of questionable conduct on my part, they would be inclined to regard it as a mistake, because such a course is inconsistent with my conduct as they have observed it. All of which has a bearing upon the statement which someone has made to the effect that character is a well-formed will.

But suppose it to be true that God wills in habitual ways called laws and man wills in habitual ways called character. Do they have anything to do with each other? What has man's will to do with God's will? The mistake which thousands are making every day is in assuming that there is no relation between them. In fact, the notion is

abroad that man must surrender something of his own sovereignty and dignity by bringing his will into relationship with God's will. Many are not wise enough to discern that this is not a world of independent wills, but of related wills.

This is God's world, and what he willed was pronounced good. And if it is all to be good, mankind included, there must be the same consistency of human character in relation to God as there is in natural law in relation to him. But there is this difference: The elements that are involved in natural laws are, we might say, completely in God's control. Even the animals' instincts follow the natural order and are nonmoral, whereas in the case of man, the will is of such a nature that it can decide whether to be independent of God or related to him.

Now, just imagine what would happen if the plants could take their growth in independent control. Suppose the wheat in the fields should take the notion to be banana plants; and the coconut palms should decide to become maple trees; and the corn fields should determine be orange trees-what a topsyturvy. rough-and-tumble, hit-and-miss world this would be! Existence would become impossible. The outcome of any growth would always be undependable. The result would be death. So the flowers of the field and the trees and the fields of waving grain are good because they reveal God, but they only reveal him because they obey him.

And yet men persist in thinking that what applies to the rest of creation does not apply to them. They do not perceive that the conditions of goodness in the world must be met by them if they are to be truly successful in life. They think that they can live their life with-

out reference to the will of God. The result is just what we have noticed it would be in the plant or animal world if these could become independent in their activities—an anarchistic condition of character in which spiritual existence is impossible, for the wages of sin is death.

Sin is simply independence of God. It is not moral disease. We make a great mistake when we dwell too forcefully on the figure of leprosy as an illustration of sin. Sin is not a disease. it is a broken personal relationship. It is the picture of a character formed activities of a human will independently of God's will. For such a will and such a character failure is inevitable. The only real success which can come to a human life is that which comes as one does the will of God. We do not thus lose our individuality. Relationship does not mean identification Nor do we lose our by any means. freedom in coming into harmony with God's will.

On the contrary, the largest and best possibilities that life can yield will only become ours by the fact that we are workers together with him—by the fact that our characters are really a part of his law and represent his habitual ways of doing. The most satisfactory life for anyone will be such as finds a real joy in his service and that desires nothing better for the life beyond than his service. We do not defeat ourselves, but we find ourselves in doing the will of God.

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SELF-SUPPORT IN VIGAN DISTRICT A. L. Ryan.

During my travels of the past few weeks in the various districts nothing has given greater inspiration than to note the heroic way our churches are taking hold of this vital problem of self-support. While the war conditions have forced it upon us as an immediate issue and

necessity, many of our churches are finding that it is a great blessing, and they say they have no desire to go back to the plan of mission support. They say that they feel a greater self-respect, that the pastors give better service, and that it is bringing about a better spirit of cooperation between pastors and people. The pastors in turn in many places say that their support has increased and that in every way the spiritual results in their work are richer and more permanent.

The most striking incident that I have yet witnessed took place at the recent institute of the Vigan district held at Narvacon, Il. Sur. The Rev. Severino Cordero is District Superintendent. Several months ago in response to a letter from the Finance Committee, he began the campaign for Self-support. A canvas of the members was made in each circuit, and their individual pledges were secured for the support of the church and pastor for 1918. The work has moved forward with good impetus.

In view of the fact that it was planned to hold the district institute in February, Brother Cordero took advantage of this fact to add still further impetus to the cause. He desired to have a tangible exhibit of the work accomplished. So he asked each circuit through its treasurer, to send its collections for January and February in cash to the institute, at which time it was agreed the various pastors would receive their salaries for the months Brother Cordero thought this bringing together of their money would inspire confidence in both pastors and people, and give a spirit of unity to the entire work of the district which is so vital for the success of the movement. Truly his vision was good, for his faith was more than rewarded. For when the money from the various circuits was laid upon the table, raised by the people themselves, there before our eyes it lay in actual cash, the sum of ₱995.72. As I looked upon it, and thought of the significance of this great movement for the work of the Kingdom in these islands, yea, for other fields also, for the influence of such things will not be confined to ourselves, I shouted "hallelujah" and sang from my heart, "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord". For surely a new day is dawning upon us.

There is one special feature in this matter which needs to be mentioned, for its possible inspiration to others. There was one special gift of ₹400.00 which came from Brother Segundo Comiso and wife of Narvacon, and which represented their annual tithe! Oh if all our members would only follow God's plan in relation to their money. "Bring ye the whole tithe into the store-house, that there may be food in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it". This was God's financial plan for Surely we in the Christian the Jews. dispensation should not expect to do less than they. When all of our people, rich and poor, get and follow this vision the promise will be fulfilled, pastors can be supported, churches will be built, and a great blessing will be poured out upon the work in the salvation of multitudes Let us not talk about our poverty but let us talk about the glory of sacrifice. For this is the real test of our devotion to the cause of our Christ.

THE INVISIBLE GUARANTEE

"In the mud and scum of things There's always something, something sings."

That is, there is something singing to the men and women who will take time to listen, but to many there is nothing but the mud of things, the scum of things.

Changing the figure we can see the stars if we will consent to look up, if not we shall see only the mud.

"Two women looked through their prison bars.

The one saw mud, the other saw stars."

To many of the word's thinkers and doers the doctrine of mud is sufficient. Conscience is a figment, morals a myth, responsibility a delusion. The ultimate for them is material. But there are an increasing number of the world's foremost thinkers and doers with whom the material explanation of the universe breaks down. Out of the slime we came, back to the slime we go, is not the whole story. It is fearfully inadequate. They are looking for a guarantee beyond and below matter, a spiritual answer to their questionings.

Nature Leads to the Invisible Forces.

An increasing number of physical scientists are affirming their dissatisfaction with materialism. Ruling out, for the time being, the well known Sir Oliver Lodge, who may have lost the scientific attitude of mind under stress of personal sorrow, the physical scientists are declaring the existence of factors beyond the physical. Biology is tracing life to a germ and confesses that something lies beyond. Chemistry has found for us the atom, the electron, the ether and then stops. Astronomy declares the relation of the earth to the farthest star and knows there is some invisible guarantee for the orderly processes of the rolling spheres. guarantee for the perpetuation of the material universe is invisible. Science is once more, under various terms, reverently saying God.

Guarantees of the Social Order.

There is not a department of human life that could be sustained on a materialistic basis. This is not taking the idealistic position that economics have nothing to do with determining human happiness. They have a very large place in the adjustment but they are not the ultimate guarantee. The state is maintained not as the result of certain economic assurances but because of the

reliability of persons making promises that such and such principles will be sustained. Strip the state of these confidences and it falls to pieces. Church is not assured of perpetuity because it possesses buildings and lands, or has an elaborate organization or splendid ritual or can even prove a lineal descent from Christ and the Apostles. All these are figments if regarded as guarantees. They will prove to be broken reeds. The guarantee of the Churca is to be found in her likeness to and fellowship with Christ. "Without Me ye can do nothing," says the Master. The possession of His spirit, the adoption of His life program of justice, love and sacrifice, all spiritual forces, are the only guarantee of permanency and power in the earth.

So of the home. No one will deny the necessity for material comforts and these ought to be more widely and juitly diffuted among men and thereby contribute to the building of better homes. But the preservation of what is now valuable in our home life and the elevating of the home life of our people to higher levels can only be achieved by the practice of those intangible virtues such as loyalty and honor and mutual confidence and forbearance.

Guarantees Toward Which the Great War Is Pointing.

Amid the chaos in which the world finds itself moving at the present time one or two things are emerging wth increased clearness. The first is that ultimate decisions will not be reached by the arbitrament of the sword. There is a search after the authority of rightecusness. The war has called forth the most stupendous efforts on the part of the nations to justify their actions on the grounds of righteousness. Might will no longer furnish the court of appeal. The decision will be rendered not because of material might but on the grounds of moral, spiritual fitness.

The second promise is that no agreement among men or nations will be counted of worth except as it has the support of honor in the contracting parties. Nothing is safe without honor. Even democracy is unsafe except as democracy has character in it.

Not until we have put the Christian spirit, the spirit of justice, mercy, love and sacrifice into the affairs of human life, and into the hearts of men and women, can we expect a guarantee of safety and peace and brotherliness for the world.

A Poem of Help and Power FAITH

Just to follow every day
Where God leads,
Just to scatter all the way,
Sunny deeds;
Just to go, nor questioning
Shadows fall;
Ever looking to the sky
Through them all.

Just to live through every day
Pure and light,
Keeping from the heart alway
Cares that blight;
Just to stand with purpose strong
When I'm tired;
Learning thus my every all
To confide.

Just to listen to God's voice
From within,
Just to carry straight to him
All my sin;
Just to hope when all seems ill
For the best,
And in faith and patience then
Calmly rest.

SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCES RETOLD The Victory

"I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me," says the apostle, and the link of connecting between us and Christ is faith. I had an experience of that five years ago. I had to give a sermon before the Baptist

World Alliance in London, at the Metropolitan Tabernacle, where Charles H. Spurgeon used to preach. Going into Liverpool I exposed myself for several hours in a very cold wind and caught the lumbago, to such an extent that on my arrival in London I could not stand. The doctor said I would have to lie in bed, and it was doubtful whether I would be able to preach at all. On the night of the sermon I was driven across the city, four miles, in a chilling wind and in an open carriage, to the tabernacle. I thought my last day and my last sermon had come. I had to lie down in the waitingroom before the sermon. Between three and four thousand people had assembled, and I had to read my sermon before a congregation that was not accustomed to hear sermons read, and my sermon was a very long one.

I thought I should die. I said to the Lord that if he would only carry me through this experience, everything he might send after would be acceptable. Then a text occurred to me: "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Somehow that put new heart into me. Dr. Mabie offered prayer, a most heaven-compelling prayer, and then the whole congregation sang, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," to the tune of "Diadem," which you will find on the back cover of our hymnals and which I brought over here. never knew it before. There were between three and four hundred Welshmen at the left of the platform, and they sang it as I never heard men sing before or since. It seemed to lift the roof from the building. Four thousand people threw their whole souls into the song. And so I was heartened up to preach, and I am sorry to say that I preached an hour and a half. But I got through safely, and I was taken back through that same cold wind in that same open carriage. I had a hot supper, and the next morning I was still alive.

I do not imagine that this is as interesting to you as it was to me. But this text, "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith," did the business for me, and I learned that I could do all things through Christ who strengthened me.—Augustus H. Strong, in "Chapel Talks."

BE BRAVE

We will not weep; for God is standing by us,

And tears will blind us to the bless ed sight;

We will not doubt, if darkness still doth try us,

Our souls have promise of serenest light.

We will not faint if heavy burdens bind us,

They press no harder than our souls can bear.

The thorniest way is lying still behind us,

We shall be braver for the past despair.

O, not in doubt shall be our journey's ending;

Sin with its fear shall leave us at the last:

All its best hopes in glad fulfillment blending,

Life shall be with us when the death is past.

Help us, O Father! when the world is pressing

On our frail hearts, that faint without their friend;

Help us, O Father! let thy constant blessing

Strengthen our weakness—till the joy-ful end.

"HOW MUCH DO YOU WISH IT?"

Have you ever said: "I wish I had a more cheerful disposition"? How much do you wish it? Enough to dispose yourself so as to be in the way of getting it? Your words are idle and sinfur-unless you will to have it, instead of wishing to have it. You are not responsible for the disposition you were born with,

but you are responsible for the one you have to-day. And you have no business to bewail your "bad disposition" while doing nothing to improve it. Everything you carelessly or seriously purpose to do affects what you are disposed to do. You are disposed to look on the dark side, borrow trouble, and say discouraging things. Suppose you earnestly purpose for one week to look for pleasant things, and speak of them and never speak of what you dread or do not like. You will be more cheerful and hopefully disposed at the end of the week, and you know it. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." It is your duty-your business in life-to work up out of your evil environments, whatever they may chance to be .-- Anonymous.

THE INCREASE OF FAITH

Do not imagine that your knowledge will produce faith: scarcely will knowledge strengthen it. Faith, as a practical power, can only be strengthened practically: and this of itself is a conclusive proof that faith is mainly a practical power. A single act of faith, a single prayer offered up from the bottom of the heart, a single exertion of self-denial, or self-control, for Christ's sake, a single effort to walk in the footsteps of your Lord and Master, will do more to strengthen and establish your faith, than all the learning of all the theologians. While knowledge wanders to and fro on the face of the earth, and finds no rest for the sole of her foot, faith will ever return to you with an clive branch in her mouth: and you may regard this as an infallible sign that waters of sin are abated: you may bless the herald that brings you a token of forgiveness from the Prince of Peace. -Julius C. Hare.

FAITH AND WITS

Faith is the discoverer that goes out into the unknown, and reports someone there. Wits are the settlers that become familiar with the new country, dwell in it, and map out the character of him, whom faith first found. "I know

whom I have believed." Wits no longer end where they did. Faith has annexed a new territory, added a new Friend. At our wits' end—then God!—H.S.Coffin.

THE SLEEP OF FAITH

Faith without work is vain; faith without rest is impossible. The long day tries the sweetest patience, strains the strongest nerves. Then come the hours of quiet and rest, when men may look up to God and renew their strength. The sunshine may tempt a vigorous worker to self-reliance. Even though under the shadow of a great trust, the worker begins to feel sure of himself, as he sees the work growing beneath his hands. Yet no worker is safe until he is also sure of God: and that sureness he learns in the silence, when the day is done. As he lifts up his eyes from his work to the stars, the peace of the stars comes back upon him, and soothes him into deep thoughts of eternity. God's gifts are not over when the sun sinks in the west. Into the silence that follows he continues to pour them; for "he giveth to his beloved in sleep."

-J. E. McFadyen.

THREE WORDS OF STRENGTH

There are three lessons I would write, Three words, as with a burning pen, In tracings of eternal light,

Upon the hearts of men.

Have Hope. Though clouds environ 'round,

And gladness hides her face in scorn, Put off the shadow from thy brow; No night but hath its morn.

Have Faith. Where'er thy barque is driven—

The calm's disport, the tempest's mirth—

Know this: God rules the hosts of heaven,

The inhabitants of earth.

Have Love. Not love alone for one,
But man, as man, thy brother call;
And scatter, like a circling sun,
Thy charities on all. —Schiller.

DUTY FIRST BEFORE ALL

REGINO MARTIN

Every where there is duty, like grass that grows in all places. In the midst of duty, we are born; duty that builds our character, teaches us how to die like men. God has created us to be something, to be someone. Unselfish man at duty is one in a thousand. Yes, there are so many things in life that hinder us from our duty, and some of them are important; but remember, duty comes first.

Close kinship, responsive sympathy, filial love, mutual comfort and support—these are the marks of real happiness in the home. There are good atmospheres in some homes. Sanctity and opportunity are in the family life. Cherish therefore the ties of home. But these greatest and grandest things in the world will be broken when duty calls, and if we just know and feel in heart that duty is first before all.

There are many mothers who are now in loneliness, sadness and hardness of earning their living, and sometimes, weeping and their tears do blind them, because of their beloved sons and husbands have gone to war, to fight for their country. Rev. D. H. Klinefelter said to me in his letter which I just received the other day, that the United States government is now busy in taking young men for the terrible bloody war in Europe, to fight for right for the sake of humanity. Many young students who are the hope of tomorrow in the United States, are gladly leaving their schools in order to go to war. They will return home; but not all. How much sympathy and love can we give to those mothers whose sons or husbands return no more. To those who are ready and willing to sacrifice themselves to the far-off duty, have sadness in heart to leave their mothers, sisters, good friends in great loneliness, and also to leave their beloved motherland. They feel and know that "there's no place like home." They suffer to leave them all behind them, and go to war.

They love to go with great inspiration, and ready to die fighting for right, for the sake of humanity, because as loyal sons of their motherland, they feel in heart that it is their duty to SERVE their country before all with great sacrifice: to give themselves for her. Yes, when duty calls, they are ready to come; where duty calls, there is the place for them to go. For them, Duty First Before All.

Possessions are not the greatest things in the world. Life is more precious than these; and life is in Jesus. As workers in the kingdom of God, as servants of Christ, it is the greatest thing to SERVE faithfully our Lord before all. Life on earth is but a dream. Paul, as a preacher of the gospel message, as a servant of Christ, was a man of sincerity and loyalty to his supreme calling. never lost sight of the main purpose of his life. He was first of all the servant of Christ. He might seek to defend himself from slander, he might appeal to Caesar for the protection of his life, he might build good living on earth; but his duty was to serve his Lord before all, whether by life or by death. When he stood before Agrippa, to deliver the gospel message was more important to him than to win the personal favor We are the servants of his judge. of Christ: Our duty, therefore, is to PREACH his gospel not in words, but in actions. Sometimes, somehow many of us preachers feel discouraged, because of a certain lack of means, of hardness, or sorrow that comes to us in our daily walk of life. In spite of these, we love to seek good living and possessions that are not the greatest things. It is right for us to seek happiness, safety, and prosperity in the world; but it is our duty first before all to SERVE faithfully our Lord. It is the greatest thing; for "in him was life, and the life was the light of men." As a servant of Christ, Duty First Before All.

In the midst of homesickness and longing to see my parents, I planned to go home before Christmas Day; but because of Night Services in my Circuit, I could not go. Once, I was cordially invited to be present at a certain reception. I did not accept the formal invitation, because, when it came to me, I was preparing my sermon that I would preach in my sacred pulpit. I received six invitations from some of the members of the graduating class in the Methodist Training School. I was greatly desired to attend their splendid Graduation Day; but when it was held, I was not present. Why? because I was very busy in preparing our Christmas Program, and that evening I was to conduct our service in the chapel. Yes, for me, Duty First Before All.

Servants of the Philippines, servants of our Lord, let not anything hinder you from your DUTY. Remember, SERVICE first before all. Be not cowards in serving our country and our Lord. Go a head with columners until you reach the goal of victory and receive the crown of life.

As your golden rule of daily life, let DUTY FIRST BE BEFORE ALL.

TWO AMERICANS AWAY

REV. BRUCE WRIGHT

Which of these two think you was the better Christian? The man who remembered the Lord's Day or the man who ignored it?

Dealers in foreign lands specially in the East, look upon all Americans as being Christians. Incalculable harm can be done by the thoughtless Christian traveler. Inestimable good can be wrought by the loyal traveler who bears the name of Christ. The Christian Church at work in far places has more to combat in the deeds of irreverent American travelers than in all the forces of heathendom round about. Let me tell of two travelers. They are types.

The first one was the president of a small Church college in the Middle West. A preacher, lecturer and writer, he was on a trip around the world. One of his ports of call was Manila. He spent several days in and about the city. He promised to preach on Sunday morning in the little church of his denomination.

The day drew near. The people looked forward to hearing this new voice, fresh from the homeland. Meantime he had received an invitation from a prominent but indifferent American dwelling in the city to see some things he had not seen. At a late hour he sent word to the pastor of the church (it was not the Union Church), saying "I can be in the islands but a few days, and I feel that I should see all that can possibly be seen in this brief period. I therefore look upon it as a matter of duty to accept this man's invitation, even though it means much to my regret, a disappointment to you and your congregation." I do not sit in judgment upon that Christian president-preacher's action. Sight-seeing that day he may have seen things he otherwise would not have set eyes upon. But I do know that he missed a magnificent opportunity to show in his character the grace of Christian loyalty. That promirent, indifferent American resident of the city would not have more careful of his attitude toward Sunday, and the giving of an invitation for sight-seeing on that day, had he received from so noted a man courteous but positive, "No, I thank you; it is my custom, and the custom of my people. to spend a portion of the Lord's Day in worship." That little group of Christian Americans would have been mightily heartened by his word of faith and cheer. Can you imagine the thought that must have passed through their minds when they learned of the broken engagement and what became of their expected preacher?

The second traveler was a lay man, a lawyer. He also was from the Middle West. His was spending several months in travel. His course brought him to Manila in the hot season. I was in Baguio on my vacation, but I heard about him and the interest he manifested in all things Christian. Who was to know whether, he was a Christian or not? What difference would it make, however he might conduct himself? But he evidently intended that men should know he was a Christian. The man who supplied my pulpit on the Sunday he was here told me about him. On that day, which must

have been unbearably hot to him, he found his way to the Union Church. He joined in the worship of that hour. Early one morning, a few days later, we went out to the Union Theological Seminary, where about sixty young Filipinos are being trained for ministry among their own people, and gave them a straight forward, manly talk. In a few days he boarded the ship and went on his way, but the memory he left is a precious one. Those who met him and talked with him are breathing to this day the fragance of his loyalty.

You will some day be traveling afar. Will you not now highly resolve that your conduct, wherever, you go, shall help, and not hinder, the work of the Christian Church? America is tested, the Christian religion is judged by what the American away says and does. Pledge with me—I will be a loyal American away; that when my face is homeward turned it may be radiant with the consciousness of commandments kept.

Union Church, Manila, P.I.

CONCERNING EXPERIENCE

By C. M. MUFFLY

My young friend, there is no good reason why you should lie, steal or swear, drink, chew, love impurity, or commit murder. There is no good reason why you should hate your fellow man, envy his pleasures, or covet his possessions.

There are several good reasons why you should not do any of these things.

Without considering any questions of a future life, there is no doubt that this life will be both longer and happier if you omit carefully all of these things.

People who would like to find an excuse for doing one or more of them are apt to talk about experience—just as though experience in life must mean only indecent life.

It is as much experience to live a decent life as it is to live an indecent one.

It is as much experience to tell the truth at all times as it is to be a liar.

It is as much experience to earn a living honestly as it is to steal one.

It is as much experience to marry a decent girl, build up a home, and raise a clean family as it is to live the life of a profligate.

It is as much experience to use good, clean English as it is to tell vulgar stories and to emphasize your expression, by the use of profanity.

It is as much experience to walk straight and have a clear eye as it is to stagger and see double.

The difference is in the kind of experience.

One is decent, clean experience; the other is coarse or vulgar, profane or vile experience.

It is up to you to choose which kind of experience you will get out of life.

If you prefer the decent kind, there is plenty of it to be had.

If you prefer the indecent kind, it is as plentiful.

But don't be a hypocrite about it.

Men hate a hypocrite.

If you choose the decent life, live up to it and don't do the indecent things on the sly.

If you choose the indecent life, live down to it and don't pretend by spells to be decent.

Whenever you come to consider these questions as though you have a soul that will live forever, you will find them much larger and more important.

This hitches them on to eternity and that is a long time.

There may be some pleasure in an indecent life for a time, but when you think of it in term of eternity it loses its glamor.

There it something quite sober about eternity.

Not that there is anything in it to be afraid of, but it is very different from mere time.

And if we are not afraid of it, there is much in it to be glad about.

We should be glad that we may become fit to live in it.

We may be glad that there comes a time when we escape chance and uncertainty; a place where no clouds obscure the future and where life takes on its perfect form.

We may be glad that doubt, disease and distress can then no longer beset us, for they are recognized as inhabitants of time only.

We may be glad that there in there something for us to do which does not corrode the spirit nor wear the body.

There must be plenty of work there, for we have abundant assurance that the inhabitants are happy, and the idle cannot be happy.

We have learned this in time.

True there is a temporary pleasure in idleness, but it does not last; it is mere pleasure, not the happiness that fits with eternity.

The idle hand soon grows restless. It needs work.

The idle mind begins to think and then to study and then to reason. It also needs work.

So we know that there is plenty of work in eternity.

And if we have done our best here, we will be fitted and qualified for the job that is waiting us there. We feel the spirit of Robert J. Burdett's fine farewell words, "With clearer vision and more light we can do better work there."

Conclusion—It all hinges, then, on your own will.

Fate, immutable, says, "Choose ye your own part."

Only decent things can bear the light of eternity.

The indecent, the corrupt, the vicious must shrivel and die when exposed to its penetrating beams.

If these things are your life, they must die with your body.

As to your soul—unless it can bear the light of eternity—that is another question.

-Epworth Herald.

"TAKING AT HIS WORD."

"I was about sixteen years of age when I became anxious about my soul's eternal welfare; and began praying and trying, resolving and reforming, thereby hoping that I should merit God's favor. and obtain the assurance that my soul was saved; but, like thousands of others I had to prove that such was not God's way of peace. I had to learn that it was not by trying to do anything mybut by trusting to the finished work of Another, that I could alone be Although longing to have the saved. of salvation, I yet dreaded assurance anyone speaking to me personally about my soul. But one night after listening to a simple, earnest Gospel Address, a Christian lady spoke to me as I was leaving the meeting, and in a very gentle manner asked me if I was really saved. I replied, "No, I am not." "But," said she, "do you desire to be saved?" I had to confess that I did desire this. "Then," she asked, "would you like to be saved now?" I answered that I but it seemed impossible to have such a momentous matter settled so quickly. She then asked me to kneel down by her side while she asked the Lord to complete His work of grace in my heart that very night. While we were still upon our knees, she opened her Bible, and asked me to read the first five verses of Isaiah fifty three. I did so, and then she said, "Now I would like you to read that fifth verse a little differently, read it in the singular number instead of in the plural, so as to make it a personal matter between your own soul and God." I then read the verse, "But He was wounded for My transgressions, He was bruised for My iniquities, and the chastisement of My peace was upon Him, and by His stripes I am healed." "Do you really believe," said she, "that that was all true?" I answered that I do. "I believe in my heart that Jesus died for me." turning to the fifth chapter in the Gospel of John, she asked me to read the 24th verse. I began reading.

"Verily, verily," and again she stopped me and said, "Now remember, that the Lord Jesus is about to introduce an all-important statement, and He made it with a double affirmation which put a double divine seal upon His utterance." "Verily, verily, I say," and another pause when she asked, "Who is the Speaker in this passage?" "The Lord Jesus," I replied. "Yes, and does He mean what He says?" asked my teacher. "Oh, yes," I answered, "for He is God and it is impossible for God to lie." "Now," said she, "let us see what the Son of Cod really meant to say in this passage: 'He that heareth My word'," turning to me she asked, "Have you heard His word?" "Yes many times before and again to-night," I answered. "Now let us read on." said she, "and believeth in Him that sent Me... "Who was it sent the Lord Jesus into the world?" "God the Father," I replied, "Yes, and why did God the Father send His beloved Son into the world?" she "To die for sinners," I said. "Yes," "are you a sinner?" "Yes, it is that that troubles me," I replied. "And you really believed that God the Father sent His only be-gotten Son to die for you a sinner?" "Certainly," I said, "I believe that Jesus Christ came into the World to save sinners, that He was for my transgressions, and wounded died that I might live." "Let us see what our Lord goes on to say in this verse. 'He that heareth My word, and believeth in Him that sent Me, HATH everlasting life.' "Can you say you have that?" said the lady, "No," I replied, because I do not feel that I have it, I can not realize that it is really mine." "But it does not say about feeling or realizing, but about the hearing, believing and having." "But," said I, "must I not wait until I feel I am saved, before I can say that I am saved?" "Will you read the verse again?" said my kind helper, and I read the Lord's own weighty words once "He that heareth Му word. and believeth in Him that sent Me.

HATH everlasting life, and shall not come into judgement, but is passed from death unto life." The words were so clear, so conclusive, the statement so simple yet so sublime, I dare not question what He, the incarnate Truth, hath said. I was bound to believe that the declaration of Him who would rather die than to suffer me to perish, and I just took Him at His word, ventured my soul's eternal welfare upon His finished word at Calvary, and the Light of His truth shone in. I saw I had, I must have eternal life; I do believe it."

Justino C. Martinez.

MOBILIZING THE CHURCH

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America sent out this call to mobilize the Churches for action during war:

"As members of the Church of Christ the hour lays upon us special duties:

"To purge our own hearts clean of arrogance and selfishness;

"To steady and inspire the nation:

" T_0 keep ever before the eyes of ourselves and of our Allies the ends for which we fight:

"To hold our own nation true to its professed aims of justice, liberty and brotherhood;

"To testify to our fellow Christians in every land, most of all to those from whom for the time we are estranged, our consciousness of unbroken unity in Christ;

"To unite in the fellowship of service multitudes who love their enemies and are ready to join with them in rebuilding the waste places as soon as peace shall come;

"To be diligent in works of relief and mercy, not forgetting those ministries to the spirit to which as Christians, we are especially committed;

"To keep alive the spirit of prayer, that in these times of strain and sorrow men may be sustained by the consciousness of the presence and power of God; "To hearten those who go to the front and to comfort their loved ones at home;

"To care for the welfare of our young men in the army and navy, that they may be fortified in character and made strong to resist temptation;

"To be vigilant against every attempt to arouse the spirit of vengeance and unjust suspicion toward those of foreign birth or sympathies;

"To protect the rights of conscience against every attempt to invade them;

"To maintain our Christian institutions and activities unimpaired, the observance of the Lord's Day and the study of the Holy Scriptures, that the soul of our nati n may be nourished and renewed through the worship and service of Almighty God;

"To guard the gains of education and of social progress and economic freedom, won at so great a cost, and to make full use of the occasion to set them still further forward, even by and through the war;

"To keep the open mind and the forward look, that the lessons learned in war may not be forgotten when comes that just and sacred peace for which we pray;

"Above all, to call men everywhere to new obedience to the will of our Father God, who in Christ has given Himself in supreme self-sacrifice for the redemption of the world and who invites us to share with Him His ministry of reconciliation."

THE CONVERSION OF MY FA-THER TO CHRISTIANITY AND HIS LAST PARTING

There is no need, I think to define what a conversion is, but only to have a clear understanding of its function in a man's life. It is perfectly believed by men of intelligence of old, that if a man is absolutely willing to seek his own salvation,

God will surely prepare the way by which He might reveal or manifest His power in order to turn or transform the life of that man in the right direction.

When he was a Romanist-my beloved father whose name is Leandro Diwa, was a very strong, religious and faithful member of the church in season and outof season. Every Sunday he failed not to attend the Mass in the church regularly. The doctrine and discipline were strictly observed. He never lost his sympathy and love for his religion. Many times great crises and tribulations had come upon his life, yet his burning faith would never quiver or be moved. He labored very much for the enlargement of his religion. Whenever the fiesta of our native town or barrio was drawing near he not only contributed some amount of money from his own pocket, but also histremendous efforts were always being offored for service. Year by year he continued doing the same without any failure.

The Genesis of his Conversion-In spite of these wide experiences, he began to question himself, as to how much he had already accomplished by his religion in Jesus Christ. Nothing could be counted at all. Now his mind got to wonder as an exiled person from his native land, which he never ceased to think what must he do so as to put himself in perfect peace, Little by little his unspeakable love and belief in his religion was decreasing. All forms of religion, he believed, are all inadequate before God. Nevertheless his very soul was still craving for truth. By this way he had to reason. A man is free to choose his own religion so far as he does not reject or violate the laws of God. A number of his friends were arriving at home to visit him. They talked as if they were angels inorder to convince him to join with their religion. No doubt my father was rejoiced to hear their good message, but after all or back of it, his soul would never get satisfied. But not long afterward his brother who was also a great Romanist, become a protestant secretary: and protestant brethren did not know

him. My father gave him very impressive advice, that he must be faithful to follow his new religion. Yes, his brother became a good Christian as he walked with the Master. Unfortunately after three years of service his brother passed away to his own destiny. Now my father got his brother's Bible. But he did not read it at once. Even now he found no rest. But finally he thought to read his brother's Bible and to place it with his precious books. Day by day he loved reading it till at last he was fully convinced that the Bible was the word of God. All his books of various kinds were put aside and he took his Bible as his daily reading and meditation. He began to spread the truth to his neighbors. The people called him a true protestant as he had the same spirit. Publicly he was still a Romanist, but in reality his heart was already a Christian heart. The news soon was spread among the people of the situation.

One bright morning an old preacher and a deaconess in our town Lubad, came to visit my father. Of course my father was exceedingly glad for their visit. The old preacher began to relate the unfailing love of God to man as He gave this only begotten Son. He quoted John 3: 16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." After the old preacher indicated this loving truth, tears stood in his eyes. He realized his simpleness before the sight of God. Within a short conversation, he finally made his undying decision that he must give his entire life to Jesus. This eventful and unforgotten time was in April 1913. The faithful deaconess Miss Placida Franco who has already been called to heaven gave a good testimony to my father.

As a member of the Church (M. E. Church)!—My father was like St. Paul in his conversion. He did not stop until he knew how he could bring Jesus to his fellow men. He did not want to live alone and keep or hide the truth in his heart, but he desired always to tell it to

The whole those who are in need. family and some of his friends were brought to Jesus at the same time. second decision he made was that he must give his daughter and son entirely to the service of Jesus Christ. Very soon afterwards. June 1913, I was recommended to study in the Training School in Cervantes to be a deaconess. The next year he sent my brother Tomas, to the U. P. S. to be a pastor. Since we felt that God called us to be in His service, without any hesitation we did not disobev the heavenly vision and the plan of our father as well.

Being a member of the Church, he also became a treasurer and a secretary within four years. I am proud to say that my father was more faithful to his duty in the Church now than when he was a Romanist. He was not fond of discussion. He believed his Bible. He had a deep feeling and an intense love in his heart to help in building the Kingdom of God. He believed all followers of Christ should not neglect to give what they ought to give in the Church if they really love It was easy for him to give to the I remember when Rev. U. Nacpil the most efficient pastor that Lu. bao ever had, giving his testimony said, that when he began to preach the Tithing bond in our town last Jan 1915, not any of the members in the community decided to give his tenth to the Lord except my father. He never got weary in doing this faithfully is the end.

His last Service.—Since last November and December 1917, he was unable to support himself. He was almost on bed during the last two month, lots of preperation he made for the other life. Finally last Jan. 7, 1918 he was ready to respond to his call. What a blessing it is for a man to die trusting his Saviour! What a sweet hour it will be when every one of us shall go together to the Heavenly world and to meet our Lord there! How glorious it is when all of us will assemble around the mercy seat of God!

I am ready to go.

Juana J. Diwa.

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The growth of the Red
THE RED CROSS Cross in the sympathy
of the people during

the past year has been little short of miraculous. When the war broke out America was raising hundreds of thousands of dollars to help the sufferers in Europe and other war areas. Soon after the declaration of war by the President and Congress a campaign was started to raise \$100,000,000, and within one week \$130,000,000 were given. The new members which means that many dollars Christmas campaign brought 20,000,000. The Philippines has been adding new members to the Red Cross at the rate of 1000 each week since the first of the year. This shows a gratifying interest on the part of the people of the Islands for suffering humanity on the other side of the world. The prospect of the entrance into the federal service of the National Guards forming the Philippine Division has begun to inspire the nurses of the Islands with a purpose to meet their share of the responsibility.

The recent Carnival was held in the interest of the Red Cross and it is said that the income from this source will reach \$\mathbb{P}75,000.

SERVING OTHERS

There is always danger of becoming so absorbed in one's own affairs that we may become self-

centered and selfish. A grateful heart is sometimes created by thinking of our blessings in comparison with others who are less fortunate in life. At the Deaf and Dumb school a little while ago the children were asked if they were more fortunate or less fortunate than the lepers, and they said that they were more fortunate. Recently the young women, the Kings Gleaners, and their friends in connection with Central Methodist Church gave an entertainment at the Student Y.M.C.A. for the benefit of the lepers which netted about \$\mathbb{P}400\$. It was not only a splendid exhibition of the talent of those who took part, but it revealed a large sympathy for the unfortunate which was shared in also by the great number of young people who packed the building. We are showing for the spirit of our Christ when we remember the poor and needy.

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TEMPERANCE PROGRESS The Supreme Court of the United States recently handed down a decision that a citizen

has no constitutional right to possess liquors for his personal use if the state wishes to forbid it. This is of great gratification to the temperance forces, and will further the progress of prohibition of the liquor traffic.

There is no doubt that one of the brakes on the wheel of success for the Allies is the liquor traffic. People all over the United States are appealing to the President asking him to use the authority given him by Congress to stop the waste of food stuff in the making of beer and wine during the war. The bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church at their recent meeting spoke out most emphatically on this important question. have urged also that prohibition be declared in the interest of the men of the army and navy whose efficient service must constitute so significant a factor in the success of the present war democracy

and humanity. A new order of the Efficiency Board driving all saloons out ten miles from any army or navy camp in the United States will help some to save our men, but why not drive the business out of existence? Wherever it touches humanity it is to injure and destroy. It is constantly against public morals, public decency, public efficiency, and public safety.

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CONGRESS On February 9 the Philippine Congress adjourned after having been in session for nine-

It was a constructive Congress. ty days. Not a great many bills were passed, but nearly all of those that were passed met with the approval of the general public. Naturally the appropriation bill which carried an expenditure of more than \$\mathbb{P}63,000,000 is of the greatest interest. P11,700,000 goes to the Bureau of Public Works. Another million goes to start the new capital building. P1,000.000 is appropriated for the taking of a census during the present year, \$12,000.060 to create a merchant marine. P300.000 for Rizal Hall of the University, and other sums for school and public buildings. In many respects the session just closed were the most satisfactory in the history of the present government.

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A few weeks ago the
A CALL FROM
A FAR COUNTRY

Dr. B. J. Baughman,

President of the Anglo-Chinese College at Penang, Straits Settlement, asking for five Filipino teachers to teach in that school in English. The only stipulation was that they must have the indorsement of the Bureau of Education. Two of the five have been selected and they sailed on the Legaspi for Singapore. They are Mr. Fructuoso Ilar and Mr. Sebastian Siruno of Vigan. They are fine young men and well equipped for their new positions.

So far as we know these are the first Filipinos ever called outside of the Phiilppines to teach in English, and perhaps the first to teach in any language in ac credited school. This is a high honor conferred upon these men, and it is a high honor to the Philippines, to be called upon to send the light of learning that has come to us to our neighbor nations. These men are but the vanguard of a large number who will be called to service outside of the Philippines in the days to come. Verily the people of the Philippines have almost an unparalleled opportunity to carry their ideals of learning, political government, and religion to all of the awakening countries surrounding us. These are days of big things for the mer, who are prepared to meet them.

RIGHTEOUS WRATH

HENRY VAN DYKE

There are many kinds of hate, as many kinds of fire;

And some are fierce and fatal with murderous desire;

And some are mean and craven, revengeful, selfish, slow,

They hurt the man that holds them more than they hurt his foe.

And yet there is a hatred that purifies the heart,

The anger of the better against the baser part'

Against the false and wicked, against the tyrant's sword,

Against the enemies of love, and all that hate the Lord,

O cleansing indignation. O flame of righteous wrath,

Give me soul to see thee and follow in thy path!

Save me from selfish virtue, arm me for fearless fight.

And give me strength to carry on. a soldier of the Right.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. Camilo Osias became acting first assistant of the Bureau of Education on the return of Mr. Bewley to the States.... C. W. Frank is the new superintendent of the Normal School at Manila, in place of Dr. Bordner who is now the superintendent of City schools.... "The Philippine Banquet by the Univer-

sity of Missioury has been postponed from May to January next Mr. Rafferty, collector of the internal revenue has been appointed director of the new department of Commerce and Industry ... Mr. Trinidad, the present assistant, becomes the director of internal revenue.... Mr. Morales introduced a bill claiming all temples, churches, chapels, cemeteries, altars and other publicplaces erected during the Spanish regime are properties of the government.... Over 400 doctors and pharmacists from all over the Islands attended the recent assembly of doctors and pharmacists.... The Philippine Cabinet at a recent meeting decided to bring 10,000 sacks of rice from Saigon to keep down the price Supreme Court rules that fish is not an agricultural product.... Attorney Vicente Sotto is charged with malpractice and disbarment proceedings have been instituted against him in the courts ... Steamer "Acme" left for the States with 8,495 tons of coconut oil in her bottom.... Domingo L. Diaz for many years a forest ranger, has been appointed superintendent of the Negritos in Zambales..... The graduating class of the Normal school will be composed of 239 students. Mr. Angel Soncuva will be valedictorian, and Miss Lazara Osias will be the salutatorian... temporary bridge over the Pasig has fallen and all the traffic must go over the Santa Cruz bridge causing great congestion. A new temporary bridge will take the place of the old until the new Jones bridge is completed.... General vaccination has been ordered in Manila as a precautionary measure..... "Abandon your roosters, leave the cockpit, get your plow and plant the field," is a slogan that should be adopted every where..... Dr. Anselmo Abela has been sentenced by the Supreme Court to pay a fine of \$\mathbb{P}2.000, and \$\mathbb{P}4,832\$ indemnity to the Shanghai Insurance Co. and spend the next six years in Bilibid for helping to perpetrate a fraud in securing a life insurance on the life of a sick woman.... Philippines get daily wireless news direct from the States..... A new bank with 7300,000 capital has been organized

at Dagupan.... John S. Hord, has resigned as president of the Philippine Bank (Roman Catholic Bank) and has sailed for the States..... Clinton D. Whipple many years superintendent of schools of Nueva Ecija resigns to take position at double the salary with a sugar company of northern Luzon..... Two new maguey stripping machines recently arrived from the States to be established in two centrals, one in Cebu and the other in Ilocos country.... Age qualification of nurses admitted to the General Hospital has been raised from 16 years to 19 years. Only first year girls will hereafter be received....

WAR NEWS

The situation at the front has not materially changed during the past month. Every indication points to a great offensive by the Germans during the next few weeks. Great masses of troops are being concentrated on the western front. It may prove to be the great battle of the war. Unfortunately America is not yet ready to fully bear her share of the conflict. Her armies are not yet in place neither are her aeroplanes yet finished. Six months from now America could be a mighty factor in the battle. This Germany knows. Hence she decides to strike now before the Allies are made stronger.

In Italy the enemy is being slowly driven back and the danger on that front for the present is not alarming. During the month Germany has made peace with the Ukranians of the Black Sea region of Russia. The Bolsheviki refused to sign the terms of peace which practically demanded unconditional surrender. Russia assured Germany however that her armies would be de-mobilised and that she would not continue the war. This promise was immediately put into execution and the armies were being withdrawn and sent home. Germany took advantage of the situation and sent her armies to capture the unprotected country, demands all Russian territory as far north as Dvinsk. Germany's method is that of the savage; first get the enemy to lay down their arms and then slaughter and capture.... To allow such a people to gain control of the world affairs would be an unspeakable calamity. The time has come when every lover of liberty and freedom must get into the task of winning the war for the cause of humanity. The struggle gives promise of being long and bloody, but victory must at last crown our efforts....

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS=-March

LESSON 10. MARCH 10

JESUS THE BREAD OF LIFE John 6: 24-37

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monduy, Desire for signs. John 6: 22-31. Tuesday, Jesus the Bread of Life. John 6: 32-40. Wednesday, Jesus the Bread from Heaven. John 6: 41-51. Thursday, The Giver of Life. John 6: 52-59. Friday, Words of Eternal Life. John 6: 60-71. Saturday, Opinions Divided. John 7: 1-15. Sunday, Righteous Judgment. John 7: 14-24.

Golden Text: Jesus said unto them I am the Bread of Life. John 6: 35.

Time: April A.D. 29. Place: Capernium.

INTRODUCTION

The greatest sermon in the world is the Sermon on the Mount. In many respects the Discourse on the Bread of Life is as great. A Jewish tradition taught that the Messiah would lead the people into the Wilderness of Boshan and feed them with bread from heaven as Moses had fed the Israelites with Manna in the Wilderness of Sinai. The miracles occurred at the western border of Boshan and for that reason excited the people in an especial way and caused them to wish to make him King.

QUESTIONS

1. Where was this discourse delivered? 2. Why was these people following Jesus? 3. What did Moses give the people? 4. Explain Jesus' teaching about the Bread of Life. 5. How can we work the works of God?

LESSON 11. MARCH 17 JESUS SAVES FROM SIN John 8: 12, 28, 37 56-59

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, Jesus came from God. John 7: 25-36. Tuesday, Speaking with Auth-

ority. John 7: 37-52. Wednesday, The Light of the World. John 8: 12-20. Thursday, Jesus Saves from Sin. John 8: 21-30. Friday, Children of Abraham. John 8: 31-40. Saturday, Test of Sonship. John 8: 41-40. Sunday, Eternal Sonship. John 8: 51-59.

Golden Text: If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. John 8: 36.

Time: October, A.D. 29. Place: The temple in Jerusalem.

INTRODUCTION

The events of this lesson occurred in the temple in Jerusalem at the time of the Great feast of Tabernacles. This was one of the three annual religious festivals of the Jews. Its celebration occurred at the time of our month of October. It was to commemorate the dwelling of the Israelites in tents during the wilderness wanderings, and booths made of branches of trees were erected everywhere in Jerusalem on the house tops, in open courts and public squares. In these all the people save those who were ill or very aged, lived during the festival season. It was the feast of thanksgiving for the harvest and many sacrifices were offered.

QUESTIONS

1. In what way is Jesus the light of the world? 2. How does Christ's word make men free? 3. What is freedom? 4. What was the bondage of the Jews? 5. How old was Jesus?

LESSON 12. MARCH 24 REVIEW

John 14: 1-14

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, Jesus the Life and the Light of Men. John 1:1-14. John the Baptist and Jesus. John 1: 19. 23-34. Tuesday,

First Disciples of the Lord Jesus. John Reverence of Jesus for his Father's House. John 2: 13-22. Wednesday, Jesus the Savior of the World. John 3: 3-17. Jesus and the woman of Samaria. John 4: 5-14. 24-26. Thursday. Jesus Heals a Nobleman's Son. 4: 33-54. Jesus at the Pool of Bethesda. John 5; 1-15. Friday, Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand. John 6: 1-14. Jesus the Bread of the Life. John 6: 24-37. Saturday, Jesus Saves from Sin. John 8: 12, 31-37, 56-58. Sunday, Jesus the Way, the Truth, and the Life, John 14: 1-14.

Golden Text: Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the father but by me. John 14: 6.

Time: The early years of Jesus' ministry. Places: Judea, the Jordan Valley, Jerusalem, the temple, Samaria, Galilea.

INTRODUCTION

For three months we have been studying lessons from the Gospel of John. This Gospel was written to prove that Jesus is the Christ the Son of the Living God and that believing we may have life thru his name, John 20: 31. The theme of the quarter's lesson is the Divinity of Christ. John the Baptist introduces him as Messiah upon the authority of a heavenly sign, Jesus begins work winning disciples by his personal character; he exercises authority by cleasing the Father's House; persuades Nicodemus that true religion is spiritual, tells a Samaritan woman that he is the Messiah; does the works promised of the Messiah in healing the sick and feeding the hungry; declares himself the Bread of Life: the Light of the World.

QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW

1. What is the first sentence in John's Gospel? 2. How did John the Baptist introduce Jesus to his disciples? 3. What practical lesson is tought in Jesus' Cleansing of the Temple. 4. Narrate the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus? 5. Narrate the conversation

between Jesus and the Woman of Samaria? 6. Describe the miracles studied this quarter?

> LESSON 13. MARCH 31 JESUS RAISES LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD

John 11: 17-27; 43-44

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, The Death of Lazarus. Jno. 11: 1-16. Tuesday, The Resurrection and Life. Jno. 11: 17-27. Wednesday, Sorrow of Jesus. Jno. 11: 28-37. Thursday, Raising of Lazarus. Jno. 11: 38-47. Friday. Plot to kill Jesus. Jno. 11: 47-57. Saturday, The Widow's son raised. Luke 7: 11-18. Sunday, Resurrection by Christ I Cor. 15: 12-28.

Golden Text: "I am the Resurrection and the Life."

Time: January or February A.D. 30. Place: Bethany, about three kilometers from Jerusalem.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

After the events recorded in our last two lessons, Jesus with his disciples crossed the Jordan. The teachings and events which took place between his departure from Jerusalem and the return to Bethany in today's lesson, are found in Luke, chapters 11 to 17. Jesus was in the midst of a busy day when the news of Lazarus' illness came to him; but he took the journey of about fifty kilometers back to Bethany, in the face of the danger of death, because of his love for the family of Lazarus and his sisters.

Read the entire eleventh chapter for the full story.

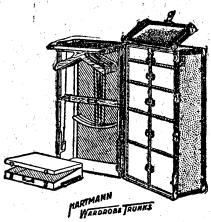
QUESTION

1. Where was Jesus when the news of of Lazarus' sickness came to him? 2. What do we know of Jesus and the family of Lazarus and his sisters? 3. When does eternal life begin? 4. Why did Jesus weep at the grave of Lazarus? 5. Did Jesus describe death? 6. Is it wrong for a Christian to weep at a funeral?

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